

the day and violate the laws of the common
wealth. The secret things ~~are~~ ^{have} been
said of the government and the political
parties; but it was not until the character
of our religion had been questioned, that there was
any serious outbreak.

Whatever may be said of the propriety of holding up to the public gaze our religious and political institutions, certain it is that the utmost latitude of discussion was allowed. The Speakers themselves several times cleared the platform in the most honorable manner, for their opponents, and defended the right of all who were attacked to make their own defence. It is a desperate case ~~that~~ ^{that any one} made such circumstances, will resort to to the ferocity of a mob. It must be a doubtful religion to say the least, that will admit such defence, ^{more} especially that will lead it on.

Several persons were severely injured,
and sad havoc was made of their clothing.
One or two ladies fainted away and the wonder
is that in such an outrage, they were not taken
prisoners.

From Parker Pillsbury.

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Mr. Editor.

This ~~the~~ Village and town have just been the scene of one of the most violent mobs ever witnessed in the Commonwealth.

Several persons came here to hold an Anti-Slavery Convention. Among ~~them~~ ^{them} ~~others~~ ^{others} last Stephen A. Foster, Parker Pillsbury, and Wm. L. Brown, a fugitive Slave. The two former ~~excited~~ ^{excited} by the plainness of their speaking, and the latter by his eloquence and the familiar manner with which he took the platform, excited the indignation of some of the people, and the meeting ~~which was~~ ^{which was} ~~was~~ broken up about five o'clock this afternoon, in a manner most dishonorable to the character of the town, and disgraceful to those engaged in the proceedings.

The Convention was in a grove, and at the time of the ~~meeting~~ ^{first} ~~meeting~~ consisted of not less probably ^{two thousand five hundred} ~~more than one thousand~~ persons. The Resolution under discussion was, "That our nation's religion is a lie." and the mob was led on by Members of the Orthodox & Baptist Churches; a part of whose community from their own worship, thus to desecrate